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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group, FBIS

FROM:
Chief, Okinawa Bureau, FBIS

SUBJECT: Monthly Report - Okinawa Bureau - December 1985

I. GENERAL

A. The bureau chief, staff cruiser and Hong Kong Bureau monitor conducted a content survey of Philippine medium wave radios from Clark Air Force Base 9-20 December. The second phase of the survey will begin 13 January and will focus on southern Philippine medium wave transmitters that can be heard from the city of Cebu.

B. The depreciation of the dollar, which continues to hover around the 200 yen mark, has already significantly affected the U.S. defense outlays in Japan. With the yen's almost 20% appreciation since September, Japanese officials reportedly have predicted a more than \$500 million shortfall in U.S. defense spending in Japan by next September. According to the officials, the yen's impact on U.S. defense spending will be a major topic of discussion at the Japan-U.S. working-level defense talks scheduled for Hawaii in mid-January. In fact, those same officials maintain that the United States has already informally asked Japan to increase its share of the defense outlays to make up for the dollar's devaluation, but Japan has refused, citing fiscal difficulties and the limitations of the Japan-U.S. Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA). In the meantime, the U.S. Navy has begun reducing the working hours of some of its Japanese employees, with the other services expecting to follow suit shortly. Approximately 20,000 locals are employed at U.S. military installations throughout Japan.

C. Kadena Air Base continues to expand as other military facilities and housing areas on the island are phased out. More than 300 additional housing units, a large sports complex, and numerous military facilities are scheduled for completion within the next six months along with a 12-classroom, 2-laboratory addition to the base high school. Former bureau staffers will be pleased to learn that the Skoshi KOOM, the

former FBIS club where Ito-san still tends bar, is scheduled for complete interior refurbishment beginning in January.

D. Live ammunition and poisonous snakes (also live) generated no little excitement among the bureau's Japanese employees during the month. In the first instance, a maintenance man looking for edible roots in the jungle directly behind the bureau chief's house came up with a live 5-inch shell instead. A military disposal squad was called in to remove the shell, which had been there since World War II. In the second incident, workers clearing access roads into the bureau's antenna fields uncovered four of the island's deadly habu snakes. The Japanese workers gleefully captured the snakes live and sold them for \$25 each to a snake farm that stages habu-mongoose fights for tourists.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. The Russian team received praise from AG Chief [] for its "continued excellent work" in preparing the consolidated leadership tapes.

2. New Russian monitor [] arrived from Australia on 20 December, while a second Russian candidate, [] accepted a firm job offer and is expected to enter on duty sometime in March.

3. Letters were sent to the top four Chinese monitor candidates and first three alternates that were interviewed and tested in Taiwan in November. Completed Applications for Employment and related documents were returned by six of them by the end of the month. We hope to bring three new Chinese monitors on board within the next few months. The applications were not without some unexpected responses. For instance, under "type of complexion," one person put down "brunet" while another wrote "square." Still another applicant listed under "sports:" "Swimming - can swim almost non-stop."

4. The subscription to the monthly Taiwan magazine Lien Ho Yueh Kan was canceled after it was found to be consistently unproductive.

B. Cruising

1. [] arrived PCS on 1 December to replace staff cruising officer [] who will begin an extended TDY at Bangkok Bureau in January.

2. [] bureau cruising monitor for the past 30 years, retired on 1 January. At retirement ceremonies in the bureau chief's office, [] was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Japanese Government. The bureau has also nominated him for the FBIS Career Medal.

C. Technical

1. The exterior walls of the bureau's new cruising and ROSET control room were completed, the floor tiled, electrical wiring installed, and the installation of paneling and soundproofing tiles begun. The contractors are awaiting sunny weather to waterproof the roof.

2. New water pipes and an additional fire hydrant were installed at the bureau. The old hydrant behind the carpenter shop was deemed inaccessible to firefighters, so the new one was installed ten feet from the main building.

3. Technicians repaired the emergency generator switching gear after the generator failed to come on within the allotted 20 seconds after a commercial power outage.

III. ADMINISTRATIVE

Buildings and Grounds

1. Eight bureau houses received complete sets of Ethan Allen furniture. The almost 50,000 pounds of furniture was delivered on 24 and 26 December.

2. The kitchen in the deputy chief's house has been renovated marking the completion of kitchen renovation in the staff houses.

IV. VISITORS

To The Bureau:

Tokyo embassy communications specialist 1-12 December; Tokyo embassy security officer 16-18 December.

From The Bureau:

Chinese/Tagalog monitor [] on TDY to Hong Kong Bureau from 6 December to late January; Admin Officer [] and B&F Assistant [] to the Tokyo Embassy 11-13 December for discussion of bureau financial matters; Editor [] and Editor-trained [] on TDY at Bangkok Bureau 12 December during private travel following the conclusion of Morro's TDY training at Okinawa; Deputy Chief [] on R&R to the States 11 December to 8 January; Admin Officer [] to a meeting of representatives of the Japanese Riot Police and the U.S. military on 17 December at Torii Station, Okinawa to meet the new Torii Station acting provost marshal, Army Captain Cathell, who replaced the departing Major Pryzbala.

V. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

1. A bureau Christmas party was held on 21 December in the

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festively-decorated community room. Following a play performed by the children which received sustained applause and calls for encores from the proud parents, a sweating Santa and his elf [redacted] passed out presents in the balmy weather. The adults then stationed themselves around the heavily-laden food table and waited for the children to tire themselves out running around with their new toys. The party was a complete success thanks to the combined efforts of [redacted]
[redacted]

2. FBIS was well represented at the New Year's Eve party at the Kadena Base Officers' Club, although some of the older staffers were complaining of sore muscles the next morning from dancing to music better left to the teenagers.

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Chief, Okinawa Bureau

Attachment:
Engineering Report

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ENGINEERING

Equipment Received	: IBM Electronic Typewriter, model 6746, Serial no. 5441
Equipment Transferred	: None
Equipment Disposal	: None

OKINAWA BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR DECEMBER 1985

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	1,107,140
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	436,860
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	3,316

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. <u>INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:</u> (minutes or issues per week)	18,845 min.	39,860 min.	175.79 issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:

CAMBODIA

Phnom Penh SPK in
English

4,890

CHINA

Beijing International Service to East and South Africa in English	---
Beijing International Service to North America in English	1,690
Beijing International Service in Japanese	---
Beijing International Service in Mandarin	190
Beijing to Taiwan in Mandarin	810
Beijing to the USSR in Russian	9,100
Beijing to Vietnam in Vietnamese	4,470
Beijing Domestic Service in Mandarin	11,320
Fuzhou Fujian Provincial Service in Mandarin	2,340
Hangzhou Zhejiang Provincial Service in Mandarin	5,910
Hefei Anhui Provincial Service in Mandarin	11,740
Nanchang Jiangxi Provincial Service in Mandarin	12,360
Nanjing Jiangsu Provincial Service in Mandarin	6,530
Shanghai City Service in Mandarin	9,490

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Beijing XINHUA in English		490,090	
Beijing XINHUA Domestic Service in Chinese		159,670	
Beijing BEIJING REVIEW in English			
Fuzhou FUJIAN RIBAO in Chinese			2,890
Hefei ANHUI RIBAO in Chinese			3,390
Hangzhou ZHEJIANG RIBAO in Chinese			210
Nanjing XINHUA RIBAO in Chinese			3,460
Shanghai JEIFANG RIBAO in Chinese			840
Shanghai WEN HUI BAO in Chinese			580

CLANDESTINE

(Clandestine) Ba Yi Radio to China in Mandarin

1,130

JAPAN

Tokyo NHK Television Network in Japanese	7,720		
Tokyo JPS in English		1,520	
Tokyo KYODO in English		125,450	
Tokyo JIJI in English		5,860	
Tokyo AKAHATA in Japanese			2,190
Tokyo ASAHI SHIMBUN in Japanese			3,150
Tokyo ASAHI EVENING NEWS in English			11,670
Tokyo JAPAN ECONOMIC JOURNAL in English			5,020
Tokyo MAINICHI DAILY NEWS in English			6,900

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Tokyo MAINICHI SHIMBUN in Japanese			2,480
Tokyo NIHON KEIZAI SHIMBUN in Japanese			6,570
Tokyo SANKEI SHIMBUN in Japanese			1,140
Tokyo THE DAILY YOMIURI in English			10,360
Tokyo THE JAPAN TIMES in English			16,180
Tokyo TOKYO SHIMBUN in Japanese			400
Tokyo YOMIURI SHIMBUN in Japanese			4,270
Naha OKINAWA TIMES in Japanese			---
Naha RYUKYU SHIMPO in Japanese			440
KOREA (NORTH) Pyongyang KCNA in English		1,440	
MONGOLIA Ulaanbaatar MONTSAME in English		8,270	
Ulaanbaatar MONTSAME in Russian		1,720	
TAIWAN Taipei International Service in English	4,930		
Taipei Domestic Service in Mandarin	920		
Taipei CNA in English		18,670	
Taipei CHINA POST in English			4,870
Taipei CHING CHI JIH PAO in Chinese			---
Taipei CHUNG KUO SHIH PAO in Chinese			---
Taipei CHUNG YANG JIH PAO in Chinese			---
Taipei LIEN HO PAO in Chinese			---
Taipei TZU LI WAN PAO in Chinese			---

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS			
Moscow to Japan in Japanese	3,820		
Moscow to Southeast Asia in Mandarin	---		
Moscow to China in Mandarin	2,230		
Moscow to Vietnam in Vietnamese	1,710		
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress to China in Mandarin	540		
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress to Southeast Asia in Mandarin	670		
Moscow Domestic Television Service in Russian	11,530		
VIETNAM			
Hanoi International Service in Mandarin	---		
Hanoi Domestic Service in Vietnamese	26,730		
Hanoi VNA in English		64,350	
Hanoi VNA in French		---	
Hanoi VNA in Vietnamese		---	
Ho Chi Minh City VNA in Vietnamese		---	